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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: SUMIKAWA, et al. Conf.: 2465
Appl. No.: 09/782,180 Group: 2814
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING THE SAME

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

December 19, 2002

Sir:

This is a reply to the Final Office Action dated September 19, 2002. This Reply is limited to a Request for Reconsideration of the Final Rejection. The Final Office Action replaces the Final Office Action mailed August 5, 2002, which now stands withdrawn.

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending.

Claim 1 is an independent claim from which claims 2-4 depend, either directly, or through intervening claims.